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Biden statement on ruling in Jackson v. Danberg

Wilmington, DE – Today the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit ruled in the class action case of Jackson v. Danberg that Delaware's execution method of lethal injection is constitutional and the Court lifted the stay on executions statewide.

"The Federal Third Circuit Court of Appeals has affirmed the District Court's ruling that Delaware's lethal injection protocol meets constitutional safeguards against cruel and unusual punishment," Attorney General Biden stated. "As a result of this ruling, executions in Delaware will move forward, and the Superior Court can now begin to schedule executions as appropriate."